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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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The placement of Community Embedded Public Health Investigators (CEPHIs) has been a successful component of the Syphilis and Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Control Plan since Fall 2006. CEPHIs are peers of the Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) community employed by two community-based organizations, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center and AIDS Healthcare Foundation, to notify clients who have been newly diagnosed with syphilis. The Department of Public Health reports that the CEPHIs have been instrumental in contacting MSM clients and their partners to advise them of possible syphilis exposure and to get them into treatment; thus, stemming the further spread of the disease in the community.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the CEO to transfer \$130,000 from the Third District Provisional Financing Unit to the Department of Public Health on a one-time basis for FY09-10 to fund the two Community Embedded Public Health Investigators at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center and AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

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